

AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A. Please move the priority claim to the beginning of the Specification. That is, at page 2, line 1, before the section entitled: "Field of the Invention" please insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority to EP 99870280.7 filed 21 December 1999 and EP B1 00870195.5 filed 08 September 2000.--

At page 2, before the section entitled "Background of the Invention," please delete the paragraph which recites "This application claims priority to EP 99870280.7 filed 21 December 1999 and EP 00870195.5 filed 08 September 2000." Applicant notes that this priority claim was first made as part of the Preliminary Amendment mailed March 28, 2001. It is moved by the present amendment, as required by the Examiner.

B. Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 24 and 25 with the following:

-- Fig. 3 A-D: Reactivity on LIA of the cyclic and linear forms of four synthetic peptides B2 (A: IGP1611, B: IGP1646, C: IGP1650, D: IGP1651).--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10, 11, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 22 without disclaimer and without prejudice to filing one or more continuation or divisional applications therefor.

Please amend claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, and 20 and add new claim 23-27 to read as follows: